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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the Figures by replacing the Figures with the Replacement Sheet Figures. It is believed that the Replacement Figures are legible, and include proper labeling. Any other objections are considered moot since wrongly included claims 10 to 20 have been canceled, and replaced by proper claims 21 to 30. Approval and entry are respectfully requested, as is withdrawal of the objections as to the drawings.

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REMARKS

Claims 10 to 19 (which are claims 11 to 20 as renumbered by the Examiner) are canceled, claims 21 to 30 are added, and therefore claims 21 to 30 are pending.

When the present application was filed, the claims from wholly unrelated U.S. Pat.

App. Ser. No. 10/552,865 (our attorney docket no. 10191/4103) were mistakenly used in the

Preliminary Amendment filed with the present case. Accordingly, these were the wrong

claims, since they relate to wholly different subject matter, as any review of the claims would

make clear. Accordingly, claims 10 to 20 are canceled, and new claims 21 to 30 are added.

New claims 21 to 30 do not add new matter and are supported by the present application. In

particular, claims 21 to 30 correspond to the claims of the originally filed application in the

present case.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of this response.

Applicants note with appreciation the acknowledgment of the claim for foreign priority and the indication that all certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 paper and cited references.

The Substitute Specification is amended as suggested. Approval and entry are respectfully requested.

The objection to claim 10 is moot, since, as explained, claims 10 to 20 are canceled, since they were not the correct claims and were mistakenly included from a wholly unrelated application.

As regards the objections to the drawings, please amend the Figures by replacing the Figures with the Replacement Sheet Figures. It is believed that the Replacement Figures are legible, and include proper labeling. Any other objections are considered moot since wrongly included claims 10 to 20 have been canceled, and replaced by proper claims 21 to

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30. Approval and entry are respectfully requested, as is withdrawal of the objections as to the drawings.

As to the rejection of claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. 101, it is moot since wrongly included claim 10 has been canceled.

As to the double patenting rejections of claims 11 to 20 under 35 U.S.C. 101, the rejections are most since wrongly included claims 10 to 20 have been canceled.

As to the enablement rejections of claims 11 to 20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, the rejections are moot since wrongly included claims 10 to 20 have been canceled.

As to the anticipation rejections of claims 11 to 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), the rejections as to Konzelmann (US 2007/0163338) are moot since wrongly included and wholly unrelated claims 10 to 20 have been canceled.

As explained above, new claims 21 to 30 do not add new matter and are supported by the present application. In particular, claims 21 to 30 correspond to the claims of the originally filed application in the present case. The claims are in no way anticipated by the references as applied, as any review of the claims and references makes plain.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 21 to 30 are allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejections and objections be withdrawn. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore respectfully requested.

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